

During the peak of the flood, rivers inundated the flood plain with sediments, tree snags, and a variety of rock materials. Areas which held their own in the midst to the rampage were densely vegetated with mature tree stands. It was along these habitats trout and other fish species gained refuge as the brunt of flood water raged within a primary channel. As a result I do not expect entire populations of trout to be wiped clean in any of the flooded rivers and fall survey we've completed thus far have proven this assumption.

**SVSP Sandpiper Pond** - No holdover trout were surveyed. However, channel catfish averaging 15 inches were plentiful, solid numbers of crappie and bluegill remain. Largemouth bass numbers appeared to decline BUT electrofishing surveys which typically survey this species have yet to be completed.

**SVSP Bald Eagle Pond** - A fair number of largemouth bass exceeding 15 inches were identified along with an extremely healthy population of channel catfish. Given the amount of gravel material that washed into Bald Eagle we expect the adult bass to produce a substantial new year class of young bass in the spring along with supplementing the population with stocked fish.

**SVSP Mallard Pond** - Solid numbers of black crappie remained in the pond despite the breach. Yellow perch, catfish, and largemouth bass were also identified in the survey.

**SVSP Coot Pond** - Three year classes of walleye and saugeye were found in good numbers. Crappie, catfish, and yellow perch also survived the flooding. No trout were identified however this pond will be heavily stocked with catchable as condition permit.

**SVSP Red Tail** - This pond likely suffered the greatest losses caused by low oxygen conditions. A few small bass and bluegill remain. Restocking will take place in 2014 while rainbow trout will be stocked this fall as conditions permit.

**SVSP Pelican Pond** - Unfortunately common carp have re-entered Pelican Pond because of river breach. This pond was previously reclaimed with nearly 8,000 adult carp removed. Nonetheless, carp numbers are manageable and predatory fish including walleye, catfish, and largemouth bass were identified in the recent survey.

**St. Vrain South Fork** - Today we surveyed the South Fork of the St. Vrain River in Bohn Park (Lyons). Within a 400 ft. section of River we caught 93 brown and rainbow trout, this equates to 1,257 trout per mile in the South Fork of the Vrain, those numbers have slightly declined but at least 5 year classes of trout were surveyed including browns that had spawned post flood.

**Middle Boulder Creek** (4 miles downstream of Barker Reservoir) - Surveyed brown, brook, and rainbow trout. We estimate 4,561 trout per mile in the Middle Boulder Creek which is substantial increase compared to 2007.

**St. Vrain River** - flows are to high to permit a survey at this time but I expect to find trout remain in the system in solid numbers.

**Union Reservoir** - No impact, we surveyed hundreds of walleye averaging 16 inches. Walleye fishing at Union this fall and especially the spring of 2014 will be incredible. 4,000 ten inch trout will be stocked this week.

**McCalls** - No impact. 3,500 10 inch trout will be stocked this week.

**Lake Estes** - The lake was recently restocked with nearly 30,000 thousand of small to medium sized rainbow trout that just might cooperate. Stocking the Big Thompson River was not on the table as the Big T is home to a wild population of rainbows that takes care of reloading naturally and high flows did not allow electrofishing crews in the river quite yet to evaluate. Besides the rainbows the most recent fishery survey completed (Lake Estes) revealed hundreds of large brown trout, brook trout, and yellow perch remain active within the stained waters.

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